

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Satoru Maeda, et al.  
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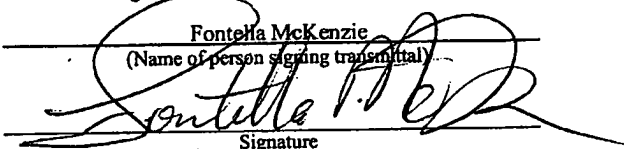
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 31, 2007, having a  
three-month statutory period for response set to expire on January 31, 2008, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.